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Ms. Kelly Gallagher
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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

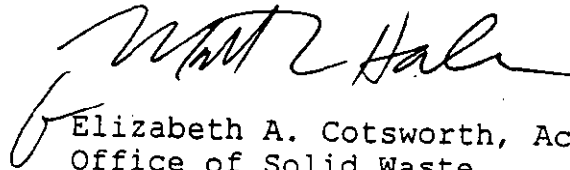
Thank you for your letter of September 19, 1997. Your letter summarizes your recommendations for finalizing the July 27, 1994 (59 FR 38288) mercury-containing lamps proposed rule. The proposed rule presents two alternative approaches for managing spent mercury-containing lamps: a conditional exclusion from hazardous waste regulations and adding lamps to universal waste regulations.

The amount of mercury released into the environment from spent lamps was a key uncertainty identified in the proposed rule. Since the proposal, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has continued to collect and analyze information on mercury emissions from spent lamps management. As part of this effort, an analysis that estimates mercury emissions from managing spent lamps was developed. A notice announcing the availability of this analysis for public review and comment was published in the July 11, 1997 Federal Register (62 FR 37183). The comment period for the analysis closes on October 9, 1997. The Agency will use this analysis, along with information gathered from the public comments, to determine how best to proceed with an environmentally responsible decision.

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Thank you again for sharing your concerns on the management of spent mercury-containing lamps. If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Rita Cestaric of my staff at (703) 308-0769.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Cotsworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "A".

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth, Acting Director
Office of Solid Waste